



B'NAI TZEDEK

Teen Philanthropy



The B'nai Tzedek program of the Jewish Community Foundation encourages teens to become involved in tzedakah by establishing a fund for Jewish charitable giving.

Opening a B'nai Tzedek fund gives teens a chance to play a part in improving the Jewish community and the world.

For more information about the B'nai Tzedek program, visit jcfkc.org or call 913-327-8245.



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Instilling charitable values through personalized charitable giving accounts for teens

It's easy to make a difference.

1 Contribute a minimum of \$125 and the **Jewish Community Foundation will triple-match your gift with \$375** to establish your personal B'nai Tzedek fund. Your fund will have a beginning balance of at least \$500.

2 Learn about the needs of our Jewish community, locally and in Israel. The Foundation hosts an annual B'nai Tzedek Shuk where you can meet representatives from community organizations and learn how your support can make an impact.

3 Once a year, you may grant 10% of your fund to any Jewish charity in Kansas City, Israel, or to another Jewish community of residence during or after college.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can open a fund?

Anyone ages 12-18 is eligible to open a B'nai Tzedek fund. More than 500 individuals in our community give through B'nai Tzedek funds.

How can I increase my charitable impact?

Many teens encourage friends and relatives to contribute to their funds in honor of their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs. Anyone can donate to B'nai Tzedek funds at any time, in any amount - on birthdays, for Hanukkah, etc.

How long can I keep my fund?

Funds may remain open until the fundholder is 35 years old. At that point, there are a few options:

- If the fund has a balance of \$2,500, it may be converted to a Donor Advised Fund, a charitable giving account for adults.
- The fund balance may be used to join J-LEAD, the Foundation's giving circle for adults in their 20s-40s.
- The fund may become a part of the pool used to create matching donations for other teens opening B'nai Tzedek funds.



“B'nai Tzedek means so much to me because it introduces new generations to the benefits of philanthropy and helps them continue giving throughout their lives.”

- Gabriel Decker, left

“Making a grant from my B'nai Tzedek Fund has been such a meaningful way to donate money to causes I care about. Especially when I was younger and didn't have very much money of my own to donate, having a fund set up was so helpful.”

- Shoshana Fisher, right